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SUBJ: COMMENT ON LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S DENIAL OF LIBYAN
INVOLVEMENT IN TERRORISM

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1. THE TEMPTATION IS STRONG TO TREAT DR. TURAYKI'S VIGOROUS
DENIAL OF LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM AS A CLEAR CASE OF A
LIBYAN OFFICIAL SPEAKING WITH A FORKED TONGUE. HOWEVER,
REMARKS BY COL. QADHAFI DURING THE COURSE OF THE
GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS RECENTLY CONCLUDED IN SEBHA LEAVE
OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT KNOWLEDGE OF LIBYAN FOREIGN OPERA-
TIONS IS RESTRICTED TO A VERY SMALL GROUP INDEED.

2. DURING THE DISCUSSION LEADING UP TO THE NOMINATION OF
THE CABINET, QADHAFI EXPRESSED REGRET THAT IT COULD NOT
BE ALL CIVILIAN. HE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE COULD NEVER
ALLOW EITHER THE ARMY OR THE POLICE TO BE UNDER CIVILIAN
CONTROL. HE JUSTIFIED THIS ON THE GROUNDS OF NATIONAL
SECURITY AND RECALLED THE TRAITOROUS BEHAVIOR OF
CIVILIAN APPOINTEES TO THOSE MINISTRIES IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE REVOLUTION. HE OBSERVED THAT THESE SENSITIVE
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MINISTRIES HAD TO REMAIN UNDER EITHER THE DIRECT CONTROL
OF THE RCC OR IN THE CASE OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
IN THE HANDS OF A CAREER POLICE OFFICIAL. CIVILIANS
IN THESE MINISTRIES, HE CONTINUED, WOULD BE IN THE
AWKWARD POSITION OF NOT EVEN BEING ABLE TO ATTEND THE
SENSITIVE MEETINGS OF RCC HEADQUARTERS WHERE IMPORTANT
DECISIONS WERE TAKEN. THE CLEAR IMPLICATION IS THAT NO

CIVILIANS HAVE THE REQUISITE CLEARANCE FOR WHAT
QADHAFI CONSIDERS THE MOST SENSITIVE OPERATIONS OF
THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT.
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